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Mr. Wayne Hedberg
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Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The Special Wastes Branch of EPA's Office of Solid Waste is currently in the early stages of developing a mining waste program. To provide background data for program development, we are investigating sources of existing sampling data on mine wastes and materials, and their actual as well as potential environmental impacts.

Based on initial telephone conversations with Holland Shepard of your Office, we believe that data in your files may be particularly useful. Accordingly, Mr. Ron Rimelman and Ms. Lauri Lamb, of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), our contractor, will be contacting you to arrange a visit to your Office to obtain these data.

We appreciate your assistance in these efforts. If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 308-8413.

Sincerely,

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Acting Chief

Mining Section

cc: Holland Shepard